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SUBJECT: UN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

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1. THIS MORNING (MARCH 24) BY APPOINTMENT, I CALLED ON A W SYMMONDS, PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND BRIEFED HIM AT SOME LENGTH ON PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH, AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL. AS WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE WIRELESS FILE ON A REGULAR BASIS, I WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A COPY OF THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE SPEECH, AND SYMMONDS TOLD THE GOB WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO EXPRESS ANY REACTION UNTIL IT HAD SEEN THE TEXT. NEVERTHELESS, HE COMMENTED ON THREE POINTS-- THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.

2. CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST, SYMMONDS OFFERED THE VIEW THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO A SETTLEMENT IS ISRAELI INTRASIGENCE AND THAT THE USG SHOULD APPLY PRESSURE AGAINST ISRAEL TO BRING IT TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

3. WHILE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT THE CARTER AD-  
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MINISTRATION'S INITIATIVE HAD LED TO THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT, SYMMONDS OBSERVED, THAT IN HIS OPINION, NOT ONLY RHODESIA BUT ALSO SOUTH AFRICA MUST BE SUBJECTED TO PRESSURE. THE US, HE SAID, WAS IN A POSITION TO PLAY AN INFLUENTIAL ROLE ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, SYMMONDS HELD FORTH AT SOME LENGTH. HE SAID THAT HE FELT BARBADOS HAD FAILED TO GET BILATERAL AID BECAUSE (A) THE USG TENDED TO FURNISH AID WHERE TROUBLE THREATENED AND BARBADOS HAD SHOWN ITSELF TOO GOOD A FRIEND OF THE US; (B) BARBADOS HAD MANAGED ITS LIMITED RESOURCES TOO EFFICIENTLY; AND (C) THE USG HAD ARBITRARILY DECIDED THAT BARBADOS WAS NOT AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY, THOUGH THE EVIDENCE OF ONE'S EYES DEMONSTRATED THAT IT WAS. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAD ALLOWED A USAID MISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED IN BRIDGETOWN AND HAD GIVEN DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO THE HEAD OF IT, BUT, AS FAR AS THE GOB WAS CONCERNED, THE MISSION MIGHT AS WELL NOT BE HERE. FURTHERMORE, EVEN IF ONE CONCEDED FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT THAT BARBADOS SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH AID ADMINISTERED THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, THE GOB HAD A LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT ON TWO GROUNDS: (A) THE RESTRICTIONS ON CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS MADE THE CDB AN INEFFECTIVE SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE, AND (B) THE US WAS SHOWING RELUCTANCE TO PROVIDE REPLENISHMENT FUNDS FOR THE IDB, ON WHOSE FUNDS BARBADOS HAD DRAWN IN THE PAST.

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